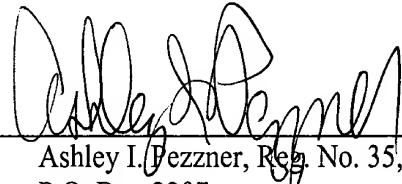


in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

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APPENDIX 1

38. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the solution is a bleach solution.
39. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the solution contains at least one iron complex of propylenediaminetetraacetic acid.
40. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the solution contains substantially no further iron/aminopolycarboxylic acid complex.
41. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the bleach bath contains no ammonium ions.
42. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein there is at least 80 mol% of materials having a bleaching proportion.
43. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein there is at least 90 mol% of materials having a bleaching proportion.
44. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the bleach bath has a total quantity of silver of at least 6 gm².
45. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the bleach bath has a total quantity of silver of at least 7.5 gm².
46. The solution according to claim 37[16], wherein the bleach bath uses materials in which at least 6.3 grains of silver must be bleached during the processing.